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Conditions in Kiev

1. All of Kiev's bridges were destroyed by the Germans. The main railroad bridge has been repaired, however, and is of wood construction with two tracks. No repairs have been made on the two bridges to the north, but two highway bridges in the south also have been repaired.
2. Kiev is the least damaged Ukraine city. None of its industrial section suffered from World War II.
3. The airport is unimproved, and practically useless in rainy weather.

Zaporozhe Steel Mill

1. The Zaporozhe steel mill, located on the east side of the Dnieper in the north-east outskirts of town, is being rebuilt. Before the war this mill produced 4,000 tons of steel ingots per day. It has 18,000 employees, a 25,000 kw turbo-generator, a slab mill, a cold rolling mill, repair shops, 10 open-hearth furnaces, with two additional under construction, and three blast furnaces—one with a 1,300 and two with 950 cubic meter capacities. Construction of a fourth blast furnace, of 1,400 cubic meter capacity, was interrupted by the war.
2. The Germans destroyed 65% of the value of the mill, 45% of its equipment, and 92% of the workers' dwellings. Nevertheless, 12,000 are working on reconstruction and the site has been cleared of rubble. A small part of the plant is expected to be operating by 1947, but complete reconstruction will require three or four years.

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Restoration of Kharkov

6. The Germans destroyed 80% of Kharkov's factories and 60% of its dwellings. Thirteen of 50 coal mines have been restored, but production does not exceed 30 or 40 tons daily. By contrast, Soviets claim that prewar production was 1,000 tons per day.
7. The tractor factory produces one or two tractors daily.
8. Three tall buildings in the center of town, housing Kharkov's administrative headquarters, were not damaged structurally. Many of the administrative offices normally located in Kiev are now in Kharkov.

Tank Repair Shop at Darnitsa

9. A large tank repair shop of truss construction, resembling an airplane hangar, is located partly in a wood to the east of Darnitsa. The only building of its kind in the area, it is being used to repair heavy tanks.

Reconstruction of Dnepropetrovsk

10. At Dnepropetrovsk the Germans destroyed 24.6% of the dwellings, 70% of the office buildings and 80% of the factories. Practically all the latter are located on an island in the river to the east of the town. Soviet authorities say that their Government plans to spend 125 million rubles on reconstruction in 1946 and hopes to complete the job by 1950.

Conditions in Poltava and Kremenchug

11. In Poltava 100,000 people live in dugouts. The only industrial installations in operation are a locomotive repair shop half a mile west of the station and a stocking factory. The textile mill, which before the war had 100,000 spindles, is completely destroyed.
12. Kremenchug was 98% destroyed by the war. Its only factory in operation manufactures cigarettes.

Freight Traffic Between Moscow and Kiev

13. Freight traffic observed between Moscow and Kiev consists mostly of lumber on flatcars and machinery of German origin, both moving south, and coal moving north. The machinery is rusted and otherwise in poor condition because it is neither covered with tarpaulins nor treated with cosmoline.

Airfields Near Minsk

14. A complex of four airfields is located approximately 15 minutes flying time (in a Soviet DC-3) east of Minsk. Apparently in storage, many of the 200 to 250 planes parked on the fields are non-operational and partially covered with tarpaulins. Some of them are damaged.

New Moscow Airport

15. A new airport is being constructed in the heavily wooded country 20 miles southwest of Moscow. Concrete runways and other installations on the same scale as the Moscow airport's were being built.

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Enclosures:

- (a) Map of Kiev
- (b) Key to numbered locations

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Enclosure (B)

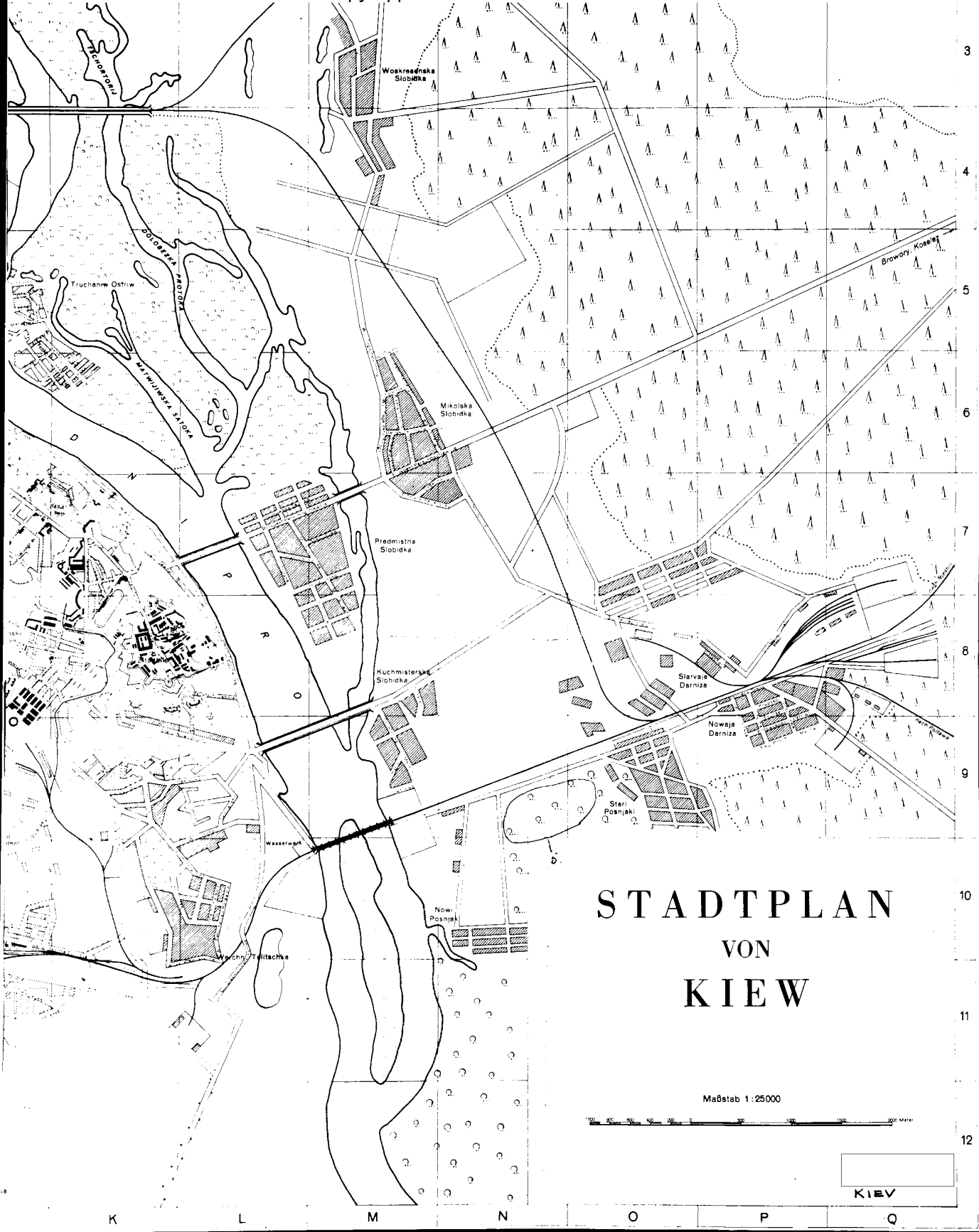
KEY TO NUMBERED LOCATIONS

Map: Stadtplan von Kiev, 1:25,000

1. On this corner is located the Council of Minister's building. It is 11 stories high, the tallest in town.
2. Around this square are located the general administrative headquarters.
3. In this area is located the town's heavy industry. To the south of the railroad bridge is a large power plant with two high chimneys. It is in full operation.
4. In this area is located the town's light industry.
5. In this area is a truck park with about 300 trucks on blocks. Maintenance crews live in dugouts. Two similar parks are located between Moscow and the new Moscow airport mentioned in Para 15.

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